GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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SECURITY ARMOUR AT IGI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether cameramen of Star News channel managed to get a job and a security pass for IGIA cargo terminal after paying a bribe of Rs. 1 lakh only exposed the chink in the IGIA`s security armour;

(b) if so, the modus operandi adopted for the purpose;

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken so that such incidents do not occur in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Processing and access control of the city side area of airport which includes cargo complex is the responsibility of the airport operator.

In this case a temporary loader was recruited by the handling agency M/s.Airogo Travel & Cargo Pvt. Ltd. to whom Delhi International Airport Pvt. Ltd.(DIAL) has awarded the contract of handling cargo in export cargo division. The temporary Entry Pass for Cargo compound was issued to Temporary Loader, Shri Vikas Pandey, the alleged cameraman of Star News after following due process including checking of Police verification.

(b): The recruitment of the above mentioned individual was carried out by M/s. Airogo Travel & Cargo Pvt. Ltd., the contractor of the DIAL and the temporary entry pass was issued by following due process. The entry pass was specifically meant only for bonded area and in no case could the said person go to the security sensitive airside. At the time of his recruitment as a Loader, the person concerned had given required information in the Bio-data and furnished the copies of his Voter I.D. Card, photographs, and police verification report besides intermediate marks sheet.

(c)&(d): Based upon a complaint from DIAL, a case in CrimeNo.205/07 has been registered on 7-5-2007 by the Delhi Police at Police Station, IGIA, Terminal-II, New Delhi.

(e): The existing measures for scrutiny and issuance of entry passes have further been intensified to avoid recurrence of such incidents.